IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE PROCLAMATION NO. 3

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING THE PEOPLE OF ADA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY IN BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER THROUGH THE CHINESE HERITAGE DAY AND DRAGON PARADE, ENDORSING THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE HERITAGE IN GARDEN CITY AND ENCOURAGING SPONSORSHIP OF SIMILAR EVENTS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES OF OUR GREAT STATE OF IDAHO.

We, the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, do hereby proclaim:

WHEREAS, the City of Garden City is named for the many Chinese gardens that were once cultivated along the Boise River and Chinden Boulevard. The vibrant Asian community that thrived in Garden City brought with them colorful traditions that are still celebrated today; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Heritage Day and Dragon Parade inspires citizens to develop and promote meaningful connections with other cultures, to gather in the spirit of mutual respect and acceptance, transcending our differences and rising to the unifying inclusiveness of our community; and

WHEREAS, Garden City Mayor John Evans and Garden City Council members Pam Beaumont, Elfreda Higgins, Mike Moser and Jeff Souza believe that the Chinese Heritage Day and Dragon Parade brings together a cross-section of citizens and allows them to stand together in friendship and to celebrate our spirit of community; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Heritage Day and Dragon Parade has the support of numerous sponsors, including the City of Garden City, Woman of Steel-Irene Deely, the Boise Chinese Association, Korean Dance Mission, Shaolin Gong Fu Stick School, Garden City Community School, the Waterfront District and the Alley Arts and Cultural District, as well as various other groups, businesses and civic organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, that we support the people of Ada County and the City of Garden City in bringing the community together through the Chinese Heritage Day and Dragon Parade and encourage sponsorship of similar events in other communities of our great state of Idaho.